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George Bell came to see me this morning. He is shortly leaving his position as Commercial Attaché at the Embassy and retiring to private life. He is 65 years old and in excellent health. We had worked together at the Department of Commerce in 1947 and I persuaded him to come over here when I became Ambassador. He has done an excellent job not only with the French but particularly with the American business men in Europe.

We went down to Versailles and had a picnic supper. Jean Monnet came to see me late in the evening. He was spending the night at the Trianon Palace. We talked about a great number of things and especially about the possible result of Laniel's investiture in an overwhelming vote on European integration movements. It looks as if he would select for some of his principal Cabinet advisers men who are deeply committed to these enterprises.

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